

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed in view of Dennison and further in view of Cosgriff. Claims 8 and 16 have been cancelled herein, and therefore need not be addressed.

Rejection of claims 9 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed in view of Dennison, Cosgriff and further in view of Murkejee. Claims 9 and 17 have been cancelled herein, and therefore need not be addressed.

Rejection of claims 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed and Dennison and further in view of Hardouin

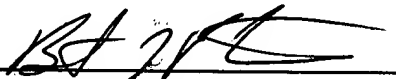
The Examiner rejected claims 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Syed and Dennison and further in view of Hardouin. Applicant traverses the Examiner's finding of unpatentability for the claims as now amended. Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitation that the defined geographical region is defined by a user of the portable phone. The cited art does not teach or suggest at least one defined geographical region defined by a user of the portable phone. Basis for the added claim limitation can be found beginning on page 8, line 19. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments is respectfully requested.

New claims 27 through 31 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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